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SUBJ: CZECHOSLOVAK-AUSTRIAN RELATIONS

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1. WE CANNOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT, AS AUSTRIAN MFA OFFICIAL HAS SUGGESTED, TOUGH CZECHOSLOVAK POSITION ON AIR INCIDENTS REFLECTS INCREASING STRENGTH OF MORE ORTHODOX CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP (WHICH LATTER WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, DISCERN). WE WOULD, HOWEVER, NOTE THAT CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA HAVE BEEN AT SOME PAINS TO CONTRAST AUSTRIAN-CZECHOSLOVAK AIR INCIDENTS WITH CASE OF PRIVATE PLANE FROM FRG WHICH INTRUDED INTO CZECHOSLOVAK AIR SPACE SEPTEMBER 29, LANDED AT PILSEN ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM CZECHOSLOVAK AUTHORITIES, AND WAS ALONG WITH CREW LATER RETURNED TO FRG. "RUDE PRAVO" OCTOBER 2 SAID THIS CASE WAS "EVIDENCE OF THE FALSITY" OF ALLEGATIONS IN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KIRSCHLAEGER'S REPORT TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE ON RELATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

2. CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS OCTOBER 3 REPORTED BRIEFLY THAT PREVIOUS DAY KIRSCHLAEGER AND CHNOUPEK HAD MET IN NEW YORK AND EXCHANGED VIEWS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS,
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PARTICULARLY QUESTION OF SIGNING NEW ACCORDS ON

BORDERS AND INVESTIGATION OF BORDER INCIDENTS.

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